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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~[An]~~ A removable electrical conduit junction box wire installation guide for directing wire through a junction box interior, said junction box having knockout openings interconnected to a plurality of hollow conduits external to said junction box, comprising:

a hollow tube removably positioned within said junction box interior, said tube having an open first end from which cylindrical side walls extend to an open second end, said tube having a longitudinal axis defined by said ends, said side walls and ends defining a hollow interior, said side walls having an exterior surface and an interior surface, said tube first end being inserted through a junction box knockout opening into an attached conduit opening, said tube second end being inserted into another junction box knockout opening into another attached conduit opening.

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Claim 2 (currently amended): A guide as recited in claim 1,
further comprising:

two cylindrical rings attached about the tube side wall
exterior surface, each ring being positioned within
said junction box interior near to a tube end, said
tube having a portion between a ring and an end,
said rings having diameters exceeding a diameter of
the attached conduit opening, said rings adapted to
prevent said guide from exiting the junction box
interior through a junction box knockout opening
while guiding wire through said junction box.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A guide as recited in claim 2,
wherein:

said attached rings are formed in said tube side wall
exterior surface.

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A guide as recited in claim 3,
wherein:

said tube has a plurality of scored, break-away lines
formed longitudinally along a tube length, said
lines being formed through the rings, said tube
adapted to being broken along said lines and
removed from said junction box interior.

Claim 5 (original): A guide as recited in claim 4, wherein:

the guide is made from a nonconductive material.

Claim 6 (original): A guide as recited in claim 5, wherein:

said portions between a ring and an end are radially
tapered to a diameter less than a diameter of a
longitudinal body portion between the rings.

Claim 7 (original): A guide as recited in claim 6, wherein:

said portions between a ring and an end are radially
tapered to a diameter less than the diameter of a
the attached conduit opening.